

various State and local limitations, zoning requirements, and restrictions on gaming activities of the United Auburn Indian Community. It would also impose certain restrictions on lands to be taken into trust for the community for gaming as well as nongaming purposes.

The chairperson of the United Auburn Indian Community, Jessica Tavers, in a letter to me dated September 15, 1997, stated that, "United Auburn Indian Community has thoroughly reviewed H.R. 1805 and wishes to inform the committee that we have no opposition to this bill. Indeed, we believe that the measure sets fair standards and a workable mechanism for the resolution of any differences between the tribe and Placer County, where the tribe resides."

I urge my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to support this legislation. I move that the bill be passed.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1805.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WATER-RELATED TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1997

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2402) to make technical and clarifying amendments to improve the management of water-related facilities in the Western United States, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2402

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Water-Related Technical Corrections Act of 1997".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Reduction of waiting period for obligation of funds provided under Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978.
- Sec. 3. Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Reclamation and Reuse Project.
- Sec. 4. Phoenix Metropolitan Water Reclamation and Reuse Project.
- Sec. 5. Refund of certain amounts received under Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.
- Sec. 6. Extension of periods for repayments for Nueces River reclamation project and Canadian River reclamation project, Texas.
- Sec. 7. Solano Project Water.
- Sec. 8. Use of distribution system of Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, to transport nonproject water.

Sec. 9. Olivenhain Water Storage Project loan guarantee.

Sec. 10. Fish passage and protective facilities, Rogue River Basin, Oregon.

SEC. 2. REDUCTION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR OBLIGATION OF FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER RECLAMATION SAFETY OF DAMS ACT OF 1978.

Section 5 of the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 (92 Stat. 2471; 43 U.S.C. 509) is amended by striking "sixty days" and all that follows through "day certain" and inserting "30 calendar days".

SEC. 3. ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN AREA RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECT.

Section 1621 of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, as added by section 2(a)(2) of the Reclamation Recycling and Water Conservation Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 3292; 43 U.S.C. 390h-12g), is amended—

(1) in the heading by striking "STUDY" and inserting "PROJECT"; and

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting "the planning, design, and construction of" after "participate in";

(B) by striking "Study" and inserting "Project"; and

(C) by inserting "and nonpotable surface water" after "impaired groundwater".

SEC. 4. PHOENIX METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECT.

Section 1608 of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 4666; 43 U.S.C. 390h-6) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) The Secretary, in cooperation with the city of Phoenix, Arizona, shall participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Phoenix Metropolitan Water Reclamation and Reuse Project to utilize fully wastewater from the regional wastewater treatment plant for direct municipal, industrial, agricultural, and environmental purposes, groundwater recharge, and indirect potable reuse in the Phoenix metropolitan area.";

(2) in subsection (b) by striking the first sentence; and

(3) by striking subsection (c).

SEC. 5. REFUND OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS RECEIVED UNDER RECLAMATION REFORM ACT OF 1982.

(a) REFUND REQUIRED.—Subject to subsection (b) and the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of the Interior shall refund fully amounts received by the United States as collections under section 224(i) of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (101 Stat. 1330-268; 43 U.S.C. 390ww(i)) for paid bills (including interest collected) issued by the Secretary of the Interior before January 1, 1994, for full-cost charges that were assessed for failure to file certain certification forms under sections 206 and 224(c) of such Act (96 Stat. 1266, 1272; 43 U.S.C. 390ff, 390ww(c)).

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.—In the case of a refund of amounts collected in connection with sections 206 and 224(c) of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1266, 1272; 43 U.S.C. 390ff, 390ww(c)) with respect to any water year after the 1987 water year, the amount refunded shall be reduced by an administrative fee of \$260 for each occurrence.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$3,000,000.

SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF PERIODS FOR REPAYMENTS FOR NUECES RIVER RECLAMATION PROJECT AND CANADIAN RIVER RECLAMATION PROJECT, TEXAS.

Section 2 of the Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-318; 110 Stat. 3862)

is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(c) EXTENSION OF PERIODS FOR REPAYMENT.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485 et seq.), the Secretary of the Interior—

"(1) shall extend the period for repayment by the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, and the Nueces River Authority under contract No. 6-07-01-X0675, relating to the Nueces River reclamation project, Texas, until—

"(A) August 1, 2029, for repayment pursuant to the municipal and industrial water supply benefits portion of the contract; and

"(B) until August 1, 2044, for repayment pursuant to the fish and wildlife and recreation benefits portion of the contract; and

"(2) shall extend the period for repayment by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority under contract No. 14-06-500-485, relating to the Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, until October 1, 2021."

SEC. 7. SOLANO PROJECT WATER.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, or any of its member unit contractors for water from the Solano Project, California, pursuant to the Act of February 21, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 523), for—

(1) the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes, using any facilities associated with the Solano Project, California; and

(2) the exchange of water among Solano Project contractors, for the purposes set forth in paragraph (1), using facilities associated with the Solano Project, California.

(b) LIMITATION.—The authorization under subsection (a) shall be limited to the use of that portion of the Solano Project facilities downstream of Mile 26 of the Putah South Canal (as that canal is depicted on the official maps of the Bureau of Reclamation), which is below the diversion points on the Putah South Canal utilized by the city of Fairfield for delivery of Solano Project water.

SEC. 8. USE OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF CANADIAN RIVER RECLAMATION PROJECT, TEXAS, TO TRANSPORT NONPROJECT WATER.

The Act of December 29, 1950 (chapter 1183; 43 U.S.C. 600b, 600c), authorizing construction, operation, and maintenance of the Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 4. (a) The Secretary of the Interior shall allow use of the project distribution system (including all pipelines, aqueducts, pumping plants, and related facilities) for transport of water from the Canadian River Conjunctive Use Groundwater Project to municipalities that are receiving water from the project. Such use shall be subject only to such environmental review as is required under the Memorandum of Understanding, No. 97-AG-60-09340, between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, and a review and approval of the engineering design of the interconnection facilities to assure the continued integrity of the project. Such environmental review shall be completed within 90 days after the date of enactment of this section.

"(b) The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority shall bear the responsibility for all costs of construction, operation, and maintenance of the Canadian River Conjunctive Groundwater Project, and for costs incurred by the Secretary in conducting the environmental review of the project. The Secretary shall not assess any additional charges in connection with the Canadian River Conjunctive Use Groundwater Project."

SEC. 9. OLIVENHAIN WATER STORAGE PROJECT LOAN GUARANTEE.

(a) **LOAN GUARANTEE.**—The Secretary of the Interior may guarantee a loan made to either the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (in this section referred to as the "District") or to a nongovernmental developer selected by the District, for building and financing the Olivenhain Water Storage Project in northern San Diego County, California. The amount of a loan guaranteed under this subsection may not exceed \$70,000,000. Before making any such loan guarantee, the Secretary shall evaluate the design and justification for the proposed project. The Secretary may make such a loan guarantee only after the Secretary determines that the proposed project is economically feasible and the design for the proposed project is technically and environmentally adequate.

(b) **INTEREST RATE.**—Any loan guaranteed under subsection (a) shall bear interest at a rate agreed upon by the borrower and lender.

(c) **OBLIGATION OF UNITED STATES.**—Any loan guarantee under this section shall constitute an obligation, in accordance with the terms and conditions of such guarantee, of the United States Government, and the full faith and credit of the United States is hereby pledged to full performance of the obligation.

(d) **SECURITY.**—

(1) **RESERVE FUND AND COMMITMENT OF DISTRICT REVENUES.**—To ensure the repayment of any loan guaranteed under this section and as a condition of providing the guarantee, the Secretary of the Interior shall require that—

(A) the borrower establish and maintain, with a trustee designated by the Secretary, a reserve fund in the amount of 115 percent of the next year's principal and interest payments on the loan;

(B) the District agree to use its revenues to make all payments required under the terms of the loan prior to any payment by the United States under the guarantee, and to make those payments through the trustee designated under subparagraph (A); and

(C) the trustee designated under subparagraph (A) agree to use all amounts received for repayment of the loan to repay the loan.

(2) **RESERVE FUND REQUIREMENTS.**—The reserve fund under this subsection shall be established under terms that provide that—

(A) all moneys in the reserve fund shall constitute a trust fund for the repayment of the loan guaranteed under subsection (a); and

(B) the reserve fund shall be administered in accordance with and pursuant to provisions agreed upon by the borrower and lender for the loan guaranteed under subsection (a).

(3) **PAYMENT OF LOAN AMOUNTS.**—Proceeds from the loan guaranteed under subsection (a) shall—

(A) be deposited directly with the trustee designated by the Secretary of the Interior under paragraph (1)(A); and

(B) be disbursed by the trustee consistent with the terms of the loan.

(4) **QUALIFICATIONS OF TRUSTEE.**—Any trustee designated by the Secretary of the Interior under paragraph (1) must, at a minimum—

(A) be a trust company or a bank having the powers of a trust company;

(B) have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$100,000,000; and

(C) be otherwise subject to supervision or examination by a Federal agency.

SEC. 10. FISH PASSAGE AND PROTECTIVE FACILITIES, ROGUE RIVER BASIN, OREGON.

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to use otherwise available amounts to provide up to \$2,000,000 in financial assistance to the Medford Irrigation District and the

Rogue River Valley Irrigation District for the design and construction of fish passage and protective facilities at North Fork Little Butte Creek Diversion Dam and South Fork Little Butte Creek Diversion Dam in the Rogue River basin, Oregon, if the Secretary determines in writing that these facilities will enhance the fish recovery efforts currently underway at the Rogue River Basin Project, Oregon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE].

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of this legislation, the Water-Related Technical Corrections Act of 1997, and urge its adoption by the House of Representatives.

H.R. 2402 is a compilation of amendments to the Federal reclamation law designed to clarify authorities to the Bureau of Reclamation or existing provisions of law. This legislation was compiled after canvassing members of the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Resources, members of the Western Water Caucus, and the Bureau of Reclamation about any such needed changes.

Let me stress that most of these provisions are being sought to enhance water management capabilities at locations in several different states, such as Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and move its adoption.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Chairman of the House Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power, Mr. DOOLITTLE, for his many efforts this year on behalf of Oregon farmers. For the past year, he has worked diligently to help further the cause of common-sense solutions to the complex water conflicts in the West. Today's bill exemplifies his commitment to advancing this cause. H.R. 2402, the Water-Related Technical Corrections Act, contains a provision for Oregon farmers that can only be described as a win-win. It helps farmers in southern Oregon by stabilizing their operations, protects endangered and threatened anadromous fish runs, and provides substantial benefits to the adjacent federal Bureau of Reclamation (the Bureau) project.

The bill will provide financial assistance to the Medford Irrigation District and Rogue River Valley Irrigation District (the Districts), both located in the Rogue River basin in southwest Oregon, for the construction of fish passage and protective facilities. Despite the Bureau's desire to assist in this effort, the Interior Solicitor's Office provided a legal opinion in August stating that the Bureau does not have Congressional authority to provide financial assistance to the Districts. Without the authority granted by H.R. 2402, the Bureau will be able to provide technical assistance for the engineering designs of the improvements, but will not be able to assist with the implementation of the needed facilities. Several weeks ago, I was contacted by the Bureau's Boise field office to assist in granting this authority. With the help of Chairman DOOLITTLE, we are accomplishing this objective today.

The North Fork Little Butte Creek Diversion Dam is located in the North Fork Little Butte Creek about one mile upstream from the confluence with the South Fork and diverts water to the Medford Main Canal. The South Fork Little Butte Creek Diversion Dam is located on the South Fork Little Butte Creek about one mile upstream from the confluence with the North Fork, and diverts water from the South Fork Little Butte Creek to the Medford Main Canal. North and South Fork Little Butte Creeks are notable for runs of summer and winter steelhead, spring chinook salmon, and coho salmon as well as native cutthroat and rainbow trout, and have been identified as critical spawning and rearing areas for coho salmon and steelhead.

Both diversion dams are jointly owned and operated by the Districts. Fish passage and protective facilities associated with both diversions are old, have deteriorated, and do not meet current requirements for fish passage as established by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Since the Rogue River Basin Project (the Project), a Federal Reclamation project, is appurtenant to those diversion dams, providing this assistance will ensure that improvements already made at the Project will be fully realized.

Once again, I would like to thank Chairman DOOLITTLE for working to include this minor provision in H.R. 2402. It represents the type of assistance that the federal government ought to be providing to irrigation districts struggling to comply with new regulations that have been imposed upon them, and ensures that the public interest in protecting fish runs is fulfilled.

I urge my colleagues to support this common-sense legislation.

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2402, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the last two bills just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

JIMMY CARTER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE ACQUISITION

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 669) to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.

The Clerk read as follows: